

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of the City of Gridley to remove the Laurel Street crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad Company tracks and construct a new crossing in the City of Gridley, County of Butte.

Application 04-02-031  
(Filed February 27, 2004)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
SETTING HEARING AND DATES FOR EXCHANGE OF TESTIMONY**

The City of Gridley (Applicant) seeks authority to remove a Laurel Street railroad crossing and construct a new crossing 3,560 feet to the south across the tracks of the Union Pacific Railroad Company (Union Pacific). Applicant states that the proposed crossing is needed because of increased truck traffic that will be generated by an industrial park west of the railroad tracks.

A Prehearing Conference was conducted on January 11, 2005. Applicant represented that no progress has been made in settlement discussions with Union Pacific. Applicant represented that a grade-separated crossing (the result favored by Union Pacific) is not practicable because of the elevation of the proposed crossing and the proximity of State Highway 99. Applicant requested that this matter proceed to hearing.

Applicant agreed, and Union Pacific subsequently concurred, on the following schedule for hearing and for exchange of written testimony:

February 14, 2005 – The written testimony of Applicant's witnesses will be served on Union Pacific and on the undersigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ).

March 15, 2005 – The written testimony of Union Pacific’s witnesses will be served on Applicant and on the undersigned ALJ.

March 29, 2005 – The written rebuttal testimony, if any, of Applicant’s witnesses will be served on Union Pacific and the undersigned ALJ.

April 12-14, 2005 – Evidentiary hearing will be conducted beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission’s Hearing Room, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco.

If the parties resume settlement discussions, they may call on the assistance of Bree Arnett, who represents the Rail Crossing Engineering Section of the Commission’s Consumer Protection and Safety Division. If the parties reach settlement, they are to jointly notify the ALJ by telephone so that alternative arrangements can be made in lieu of evidentiary hearing.

**IT IS RULED** that dates for evidentiary hearing and dates for exchange of written testimony are ordered as set forth above.

Dated January 19, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/      GLEN WALKER  
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Glen Walker  
Administrative Law Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Setting Hearing and Dates for Exchange of Testimony on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated January 19, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ FANNIE SID

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